(*d*) Whether the raiyats' contribution has been collected; if not, when will the contribution be fully collected?

(*e*) Have Government made any allotment?

(*f*) Will Government please consider the urgency and necessity of constructing the anicut and direct the commencement of the work and thus relieve the trouble and anxiety of many poor people of this region?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—37. (*a*) No estimate has been prepared for the construction of an anicut across the stream. But an estimate amounting to Rs. 1,15,940 was prepared for a tank and as it was found to be unremunerative, it has been ordered to be borne on the famine list.

(*b*) *Vide* reply above.

(*c*) The area that is anticipated to come under wet cultivation by an irrigation work at this place is approximately 700 acres.

(*d*) No contribution has been collected.

(*e*) None.

(*f*) The project being unremunerative, Government are not prepared to take it up at present.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Rame Gowda.—

With reference to answer to (*c*) will the Government be pleased to state how many acres of lands are under cultivation and what is the quantity that newly come under cultivation?

First Member of Council.—

Government have got no information

BY MR. L. VEMAREDDI (Malur Taluk).—

Q.—38. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The annual allotment granted by Government for the restoration of Minor Tanks from the year 1919-20 to the end of the year 1924-25.

(2) If there was any lapse out of such allotment; and if so, how much each year?

(3) Why was there such lapse?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—38. (1)

		Rs.
1919-20	... ...	1,50,000
1920-21	... ...	1,73,000
1921-22	... ...	80,000
1922-23	... ...	80,000
1223-24	... ...	87,000
1924-25	... ...	1,00,000

The lapses were as follows:—

(2) 1919-20	... ...	76,840
1920-21	.. ...	96,216
1921-22	... ...	11,405
1922-23	.. ...	21,503
1923-24	... ...	20,272
1924-25	... ...	21,305

(3) The lapse was due to several causes. On the transfer of Minor Tank Restoration Scheme to the Public Works Department in October 1922, it was noticed that in most cases, the estimates required revision and various matters had to be settled before the works were given a fresh start. There were also labour difficulties and other causes, such as, want of co-operation on the part of the villagers. The department was greatly handicapped on this account and the progress was retarded. The work has now been properly organised and better progress is expected in future.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Vema Reddi.—

With reference to the answer to sub-division (2), will the Government be pleased to spend next year the amounts lapsed during the past six years and restore a larger number of tanks?

Dewan.—

According to financial rules, it cannot be done.

Mr. Vema Reddi.—

For the present only about one-third of the amount budgetted for is being spent. May I know how the other

amount has been utilised? And if the Government would spend this lapsed amount *plus* the amount now provided for, is it not possible to restore a larger number of tanks that need repairs?

Dewan.—

Certain departments incur more expenditure and certain departments spend less. Every year's grant is self-contained. What is the use of asking for the amounts lapsed? The accounts are adjusted every year If you want more funds for minor tank restoration, you can bring in a representation and we will consider the matter.

Mr. Vema Reddi.—

What are the works for which estimates were not ready and others for which labour was not available?

Dewan.—

That is not a supplementary question and that information is not also available.

Mr. Anekal Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Formerly, it was said that unless incomplete works were completed, Government would not take up new works. Does the Government follow this principle and if so, why should the amounts provided in the Budget be allowed to lapse?

Secretary, Public Works Department.—

Lapses will be known only at the end of the year.

Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Can you revise the order in view of the past experience?

Dewan.—

The new programme prepared will include incomplete as well as new works.

Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

What about contribution works?

Dewan.—

If Government cannot take them up, the contributions will be refunded.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

In the answer to sub-division No. (3), it has been said that the works have now been properly organized and that better progress is expected in future. Does it refer to this year?

Dewan.—

Yes.

BY MR. K. SHAMA RAO (Mulbagal Taluk).—

Q.—39. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) When is it that the tank of the Sanyasipalli village, Mulbagal Taluk, breached?

(2) When was the restoration work taken up?

(3) What is the amount of contribution paid by the raiyats?

(4) What is the amount paid till now to the contractor?

(5) Why has not the work been completed? And when is it likely to be completed?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—39. (1) During the heavy rains of the year 1903.

(2) The work was commenced in 1917.

(3) Rs. 424-9-8.

(4) Rs. 1,252.

(5) The work has been delayed owing to the necessity of having to prepare a revised estimate on account of inadequate rates originally provided for and other alterations required. The Chief Engineer will be requested to expedite.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. K. Shama Rao.—

With reference to answer to sub-division (5), will the Government be pleased to state whether the contractor stopped the work or the Government stopped the work owing to the revision of the estimate?